

CHRISTI BAYHA

Tell Us Your Story @ Grandstaff Library

Tuesday, 28 February 2006

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Grandstaff Library



The Fort Lewis Library System is proud to bring you a new series of programs called Tell Us Your Story! This series will focus on ordinary members of our community, who have an unusual or otherwise interesting story to tell. Fort Lewis Librarian, Christi Bayha, will be featured as our first storyteller on February 28, 2006, from 1830-2000.

In November Ms. Bayha traveled to Nigeria to help open a library. She traveled with 20 Americans and 20 Nigerians to the remote village of Oporoza in the Niger Delta, where they worked with villagers to complete the work on a three-room library. As recently as one year ago, the two tribes who will directly benefit from the library were in open conflict with each other. The State Dept. advises against travel in the Delta. It is hoped that the library will help to unite the people of this region. Although hindered by a lack of consistent electricity and rustic living conditions, the Niger Delta Friendship Library opened on November 28, 2005, with 6 computers, a television, VCR, DVD player and 1400 books on the shelves. The commissioning ceremonies lasted for over 4 hours with a turnout of well over 1,000 people. Ms. Bayha will present a slideshow and talk on Nigeria, its history, people, and culture and her experiences while visiting this little-known country. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the slideshow. No registration is required. For additional information call (253) 967-5889.